WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Tuar Board

1364. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to takeover the Tuar Board of Karnataka from the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether it is not feasible for the Central Government to run Tuar Board satisfactorily on the lines of Coffee Board of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to take over the Tuar Board of Karnataka from the State Government. It does not appear necessary to set up a separate Tuar Board at Central level as most of the activities undertaken by Tuar Board of Karnataka are already covered under various ongoing schemes/programmes of Government of India.

Development of Jakhau Fishery Project

1365. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the proposal for the development of Jakhau Fishery Project is awaiting environment clearance from the Central Government since long;

(b) whether a comprehensive report on the escalation of cost of the project and a revised estimate were sent by the Government of Gujarat to the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir. The Central Government had in December, 1997 accorded clearance from environmental angle for construction of fishing harbour at Jakhau.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The revised cost estimate proposal with cost escalation from Rs. 1143.60 lakhs to Rs. 3483.90 lakhs has just been received from Government of Gujarat.

Share in global fruit and vegetable trade

1366. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the World Bank Report indicating that India produces 11 per cent of world's vegetables and 15 per cent of fruits, at 53-63